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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Tsuyoshi KANKE, et al. ) : Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: 09/871,628 ) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for some of the non-English documents may be found in the specification at pages 1, 2, 4, 5, 16, 17, 24 and 50. Also, Applicants have obtained English language computer database abstracts for the non-English documents and attached them to their respective copies, and/or English language

counterparts, where readily available, are enclosed and listed on the Form PTO-1449.

A European Search Report dated August 13, 2001, from a counterpart patent application and citing some of the documents, is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenient reference.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/049,921	03/30/1998	2853
09/877,025	06/11/2001	2853
09/871,627	06/04/2001	2853
09/884,096	06/20/2001	1755

A copy of each cited application is enclosed.

#### FORMAL MATTERS

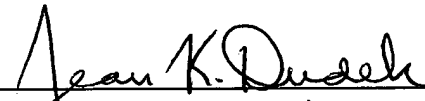
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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